

Those present:

Louis Linkel

Robert Brack

Thomas Wilson

Franklin County Deputy Auditor:
Vicky Neeley

*Louis Linkel opens meeting with Pledge of Allegiance

- I. Pinnacle Advisory Group
 - a. Mike Kramer-discussed with Commissioners reducing cost of insurance. He will check into insurance from Lawrenceburg.
- II. Cuts for the 2006 Budget
 - a. Commissioners discuss taking rates from other funds to compensate for the 1.2 million needed for the general fund.
- III. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Thomas Wilson motions to accept Treasurer's report
 - b. Louis Linkel seconds the motion
 - c. Robert Brack – all in favor
- IV. Western half of County
 - a. Debbie Blank, Herald Tribune – questions if there was any “News” the western half of the County would be interested in.
 - b. Louis Linkel replies – signs being marked on or stolen/County received a \$500,000.00 grant to replace these signs and they would probably be put up in July.
- V. Weekly Highway Engineer Report, George Hartman
 - a. Hazard Elimination Safety (HES)
 - i. Letter from federal highway (with cost per sign)
 - ii. George will be working on bid documentation for signs
 - iii. Signs will be ordered over a one year period
 - iv. Louis Linkel – wants a couple extra people on to install signs. Probably won't be started until fall. Wants Gene (Stewart) to look at situation.
 - v. Thomas Wilson – excited about signs. Part time help could help out a lot
 - vi. George – could put up 2 ½ (signs) per hour per crew.
 - b. Bridge #55/Blue Creek & #144/Causeway
 - i. Received correspondence from Kevin Loiselle at INDOT
 - ii. He faxed email from Bill Ditrich at INDOT regarding the inspection of these two bridges
 - iii. Bridge #144 has only one pin per location
 - c. Underwater Bridge Inspection – see attached
 - i. Received letter from Collins Engineers who completed the last underwater inspection of Franklin County for Bridges #17 (Laurel), #46(Silver Creek), #55(Blue Creek), #56(St. Mary's), and #144(Causeway) in March of 2002.
 - ii. The next underwater inspection must be completed no later than March 2007.
 - iii. The schedule may be moved up to fall of 2006 to avoid problems conducting the inspection when there may be spring flooding.
 - d. Bridge #73/ Enochsburg Covered Bridge over Salt Creek – see attached
 - i. Matthew Reckard with Barker called regarding status of right-of-way
 - ii. Everything is on hold until the right-of-way is acquired
 - iii. Working on getting appraisals and right of way issues resolved
 - e. Bridge #48 / Alley Ford Bridge rehabilitation
 - i. Copy of transmittal letter from Kevin Loiselle to INDOT (see attached) submitting enhancement application
 - ii. Received phone call from Glenda Seal checking on project status. She will be attending the Committee meeting on Friday (2/17/06) to approve projects
 - f. Yellow Bank Road and Bushy Road Low Water Crossings
 - i. Brent Roberts (Butler, Fairman, and Seufert) is developing data on accidents to prepare the Hazard Elimination and Safety application to replace these crossings with proposed bridges #158 and #154
 - g. Bridge #60 / Riley Pike over Big Cedar Creek
 - i. Contractor C&H/M proceeding with construction
 - ii. 2/17/06 contractor completed driving steel piles for the west abutment and wing walls
 - iii. On Monday contractor will proceed with east abutment
 - h. Castle Road Low Water Crossing / Proposed Bridge #54
 - i. Estimate – see attached
- VI. Abatement for Senior Housing Project (*continued below*)
 - a. Ken Nelson – questions getting abatement
 - b. Susan Jones – thinks this is something County Council approves, not the Commissioners
 - c. Ken Nelson – asking for State level abatement
 - d. Louis Linkel – believes Gene (Stewart) should look paper over
 - e. Ken Nelson – there is not local monetary contribution, only wants state allowed abatement
 - f. Thomas Wilson – wants Gene (Stewart) to look at paper
 - g. Louis Linkel – motions to have Gene (Stewart) check it out and then they will sign it.
 - h. Thomas Wilson – seconds the motion
 - i. Robert Brack – all in favor
- VII. Indiana Department of Corrections Prisoners (DOC)
 - a. Dale Maxie – Governor ordered fill up of state prisoners-taking 9 of the 16 of Franklin Counties prisoners until after March (will loose them on Friday the 24th)
 - b. Susan Jones – has message on (answering) machine-we are housing prisoners for Union County at \$10.00 per day. Lady on machine wants to know if Commissioners should have approved (Dale gave verbal only)
- VIII. Grant Check from SISWD
 - a. Thomas Wilson – Kenneth Rosenberger brought grant check in for \$12,200.00 from SISWD.
- IX. Petition to Vacate Portion of Lower Jim Run Road/Blooming Grove Twp.
 - a. James T Conner – Petitioner
 - b. Commissioners will approve on March 13 at 9:30.
- X. Re-Zone from Recreational District to General Business in Fairfield Twp. on Saltwell Road. Applicant=Jason George / Property Owner = Jeremiah George
 - a. Larry Franzman – rezone for Jason George-1 3/10 acre rezone needs to be approved by Commissioners (Area Plan approved)
 - b. Louis Linkel – motions to approve
 - c. Thomas Wilson seconds the motion

- d. Robert Brack – all in favor
- XI. Senior Housing Abatement
 - a. Gene Stewart – looked at Senior Housing abatement = said Council needs to approve the abatement, not Commissioners
- XII. Adjourn
 - a. Meeting adjourned

Those also present:

Susan Jones, Secretary	Mike Kramer	Debbie Blank, Herald Tribune
David Anderson, E&H Bridge	George Hartman	Kendel George
Jim George	Larry Franzman, Area Plan Director	Joe Gillespie, County Surveyor

To be approved 03/13/06